

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the cross-reference to related applications on page 1, lines 3-7 of the application as follows:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/762,782, filed March 30, 2001, now U.S. Patent 6,784,339, which is based upon PCT International Application No. PCT/EP99/05890, filed August 11, 1999, which in turn claims priority of German Application No. 198 36 405.9, filed August 12, 1998.

Please amend the paragraph on page 26, at lines 11-12 as follows:

Base substitutions were done at positions 82(g[WT] ~~against~~ by c), 135 (a[WT] ~~against~~ by g), and 390 (g[WT]) ~~gagan~~ by a). Shown is the sequence of the Nt-inh1-sense strand.